



Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
6:30 P.M.

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The regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Commission members in attendance included Lisa Moscherosch, Kayvon Tabatabai, Baldev Lamba, Jean Weston, and Chris May. Also present was Grant Rowe, Sustainability Coordinator

Full Meeting Packet:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wiqa9zupaoth0clol69vr/AKM0OBdGtEtm1aPpOHvFNok?rlkey=d43qgwbcyw01cmqm7lu87d960&dl=0>

Call to order: Lisa Moscherosch called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Approval of Minutes: The July 2026 minutes were approved as submitted. (LAMBA/MOSCHEROSCH)

Subdivision/Land Development: None

Tree Applications:

1. 498 E. Court Street, Thomas Lyon, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance and commented that they had tried to treat tree(s) on permit to extend life but, unfortunately, the trees are still in decline. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (WESTON/MAY)
2. 13 Easthill Drive, Andrew & Sherry Cordery, Property Owners
 - a. The homeowners were in attendance and commented that the permit was needed due to addition work being completed on home. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (WESTON/TABATABAI)
 - b. MOSCHEROSCH informed the residents that they may qualify for a street tree as part of the street tree initiative. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, offered to follow up with the residents during the next round of planting.
3. 60 Bennett Drive, Tom & Leslie Hurley, Property Owners
 - a. The homeowners were not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/MAY)
4. 199 Harvey Avenue, Barbara Long, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/MAY)
5. 72 S. Hamilton Street, Matthew Sikora, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/MAY)
6. 122 Shewell Avenue, Susan & John Moore, Property Owners
 - a. The homeowners were not in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented that the tree is spindly. MAY added that, assuming diameter size is correct, the tree's future is likely unstable. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/MAY)

7. 156 Shewell Avenue, Sabrina Willard, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, noted that the tree adds value to the property and that steps to evaluate the cavity of the tree, e.g. is it hollow or not, may need to be taken to determine its health. MAY commented that Norway Maples tend to get cavities that eventually lead to decline. However, the tree may function with the cavity for a period of time. MOSCHEROSCH commented that the tree contains a seemingly healthy canopy. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, added that the Shade Tree Commission may desire more information to evaluate the health of the tree and/or to talk further with the contractor or homeowner. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended continuing/holding the permit to the following month (September) to have more of a conversation about the tree. (LAMBA/MAY)
8. 5 McKinstry Drive, Ann Trate, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. They described the hazard of the trees on property, especially due to droppings. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, recommended approval. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/MAY)
 - b. MAY pointed out that there is another tree on the property, a Maple, that is covered in ivy. He suggested that an arborist review the tree to ensure that there are no hidden issues. Further, he suggested that a cut-stem application could help treat the ivy.

Old/New Business:

1. Draft Tree Educational Material
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, thanked Lisa Moscherosch for her comments on the guide and informed the Commission that he plans to finish the guide in the coming week. He also asked Lisa Moscherosch and Chris May to meet once more to review the guide. Following discussion, they agreed to meet at 2:00pm on Friday, August 14th.
 - b. Jean Weston asked if the Borough could share the tree guide at meetings and events. Grant Rowe agreed to do this and to get a printed copy of the guide once completed.
 - c. Jean Weston made a motion to have the tree guide posted once Grant, Lisa, and Chris review it. Lisa seconded the motion with support from the Committee.

Reports:

1. Chairperson Report
 - a. Tree Tabulation Report Updates
 - i. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that he is waiting for TreeKeeper to send him the new layer. Once he gets it, he will begin to add tree removal data.
 - b. Committee position.
 - i. Lisa Moscherosch informed Baldev Lamba that his Shade Tree Commission term is coming to a close at the end of 2026 and recommended that he consider whether or not he wants to renew it. Grant Rowe agreed to look into what email the Borough has on file for Baldev to ensure he gets any updates related to his term.
 - c. Tree Giveaway
 - i. Lisa Moscherosch asked that the Shade Tree Commission begin to consider and plan for the tree giveaway initiative at the September meeting.
2. Arborist's Report
 - a. None.

Public Comment:

- a. Kayvon Tabatabai inquired about where to direct residents interested in the Borough's street tree initiative. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that Kayvon and others can direct those interested to him.

Adjournment: There will be no further business before the Shade Tree Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm (WESTON/MAY)

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2026